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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the director and the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Fifteen minutes has expired. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 977. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 977. All those in favor, please vote if you care to. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 977.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. LB 1071. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1071, a bill by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14; referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM2512, Legislative Journal page 525.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you are recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this was a bill brought to me by the Abstractors Board and it is mainly a matter of some technical clean-ups so there are a few technical amendments, some further clarifications on definitions, a clarification, for example, on what a duplicate registration is, or a duplicate certificate of registration. There is a clarification on inactive status. And then the main thing that the bill does and the main reason that the Board of Examiners wanted the bill is that it does, in Section 7, provide for fee increases. The fee schedule has not been changed since 1985. And so for what is called a certificate of authority, it's increased to not more than \$200 from the current cap of not more than \$100; and for a certificate of registration, which is currently not more than \$30, it puts a cap at not more than \$100. And the members of